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The Montana Dinosaur Trail's New Prehistoric Passport is Your Ticket Back in Time

(HELENA) – The Montana Department of Commerce invites Montanans and their guests to travel back in time – millions of years back – and explore the Montana Dinosaur Trail with a Prehistoric Passport as your guide.

The Prehistoric Passport is the newest “tool” visitors can use to unearth the primordial treasures of the Montana Dinosaur Trail. The passport describes the extraordinary dinosaur displays, exhibits and activities found at each of the trail’s 15 facilities in 12 Montana communities. Each passport includes Fun Fossil Facts, and a section for field notes and official stamps that verify the passport owner has visited each trail facility.

“The world’s first T-rex was found in Montana, we provided North America’s first baby dinosaur bones, we have some of the world’s best preserved dinosaur specimen, the largest skeletal replica, and the largest collection of dinosaur fossils found in the U.S.,” said Governor Schweitzer. “We’ve helped teach the world about dinosaurs. Let’s celebrate this unique resource by grabbing a passport and visiting the exceptional facilities along our dinosaur trail.”

“The Montana Dinosaur Trail is a unique opportunity for visitors to meet prehistoric Montanans, claws, jaws and all,” said Commerce Director Anthony Preite. “From the museums to the dig sites, each location provides an unparalleled learning experience that tells one of Montana’s most fascinating stories and highlights the state’s elite status among the profession of paleontology.”

Once visitors collect stamps from all the facilities, they will receive a gold seal, a certificate of completion and an exclusive Montana Dinosaur Trail Prehistoric Passport T-Shirt specifically designed for those who complete the trail.

The Prehistoric Passport is available for \$5 at each trail facility. Passport owners have 5 years from the purchase date to complete the trail and be eligible for the rewards. Proceeds from passport sales are used by the non-profit trail organization members to support their facilities and the promotion of the Montana Dinosaur Trail.

The Montana Dinosaur Trail was created in 2005 to highlight the unique and, in many cases, world class dinosaur displays, interpretation and programs found in Montana. The trail and its funding partners were honored as the 2007 Montana Tourism Partnership of the Year by Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer and the Montana Tourism Advisory Council. The trail website which includes facility and contact information is at www.mtdinotrail.org.

The Montana Dinosaur Trail facilities include:

Carter County Museum, Ekalaka,
Makoshika Dinosaur Museum, Glendive
Makoshika State Park, Glendive
Garfield County Museum, Jordan
Fort Peck Interpretive Center, Fort Peck
Fort Peck Field Station of Paleontology, Fort Peck
Phillips County Museum, Malta
Dinosaur Field Station, Malta
Upper Musselshell Museum, Harlowton
Blaine County Museum, Chinook
H. Earl Clack Memorial Museum, Havre
Depot Museum, Rudyard
Two Medicine Dinosaur Center, Bynum
Old Trail Museum, Choteau
Museum of the Rockies, Bozeman

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